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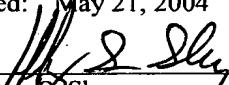
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Patricia L. Conway et al.  
Ser. No.: 09/889,085  
Filed: January 9, 2002  
For: IMPROVED MICROBIAL PREPARATIONS  
Art Unit: 1651  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to:  
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P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: May 21, 2004

  
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL WITH  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for the present application.

**1. Extension of Time**

This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for the number of months checked below:

| EXTENSION    | FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY |             | FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY |             |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| One Month    | X                    | \$ 110.00   |                      | \$ 55.00    |
| Two Months   |                      | \$ 420.00   |                      | \$ 210.00   |
| Three Months |                      | \$ 950.00   |                      | \$ 475.00   |
| Four Months  |                      | \$ 1,480.00 |                      | \$ 740.00   |
| Five Months  |                      | \$ 2,010.00 |                      | \$ 1,005.00 |

**If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.**

**2. Fee for Additional Claims**

The fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

|  |                                  |                                 |               | SMALL ENTITY   |                 | LARGE ENTITY    |                |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|  | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate           | Additional Fee  | Rate            | Additional Fee |
| TOTAL  | 79                               | MINUS                           | 111           | = 0            | x \$ 9.00 = \$  | x \$ 18.00 = \$ | 0              |
| INDEP.   | 5                                | MINUS                           | 4             | = 1            | x \$ 43.00 = \$ | x \$ 86.00 = \$ | 86.00          |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim |                                  |                                 |               | \$ 145.00 = \$ |                 | \$ 290.00 = \$  | 0              |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE</b>                    |                                  |                                 |               |                | \$              | <b>OR</b>       | \$ 0           |

**3. Method of Payment of Fees**

Enclosed is a check in the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2855 in the amount of:

\$ 196.00

A copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

**4. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

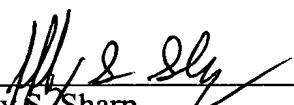
Please refund any overpayment to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun at the address below:

Dated: May 21, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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